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The Power Of Prayer, Fasting & National Repentance.....

JONAH & THE PEOPLE OF NINEVEH

It's a one-off publication that am making available for all as we continue to pray and fast. It's been a glorious couple of days, praying together, hearing each other's prayer requests and praying in agreement. I was reading through the muses that I sent on emails from the year 2019, 2020 and 2021 in January during each 21 day prayer and fasting week. And one of these has ministered to me so powerfully tonight so am going to republish it so if last January you received it [*smile*], hey, the Word is fresh every time we read it. It speaks to us in that season again and I will tell you what, that same Word always releases faith for my specific season again and again. His mercies are new every morning, His Word is fresh everyday.

In the book of Jonah, we learn about the power of prayer and fasting in a nation. Jonah chapter 3:1-10 **Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you."** Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, **"Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown."** The Ninevites believed God. **A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.** When Jonah's warning reached the **king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish."** When **God saw** what they did and how they **turned from their evil ways**, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

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Just imagine! When Jonah delivered God's message, a total fast was declared for **human beings and livestock! They did not eat or even drink.** Let us always remember that fasting is of **no benefit if we continue doing the wrong thing. But it is invaluable as a spiritual help in turning from wrong to do right.** So, the Ninevites not only fasted and covered themselves with sackcloth, they made a proclamation to **"let them give up their evil ways and their violence."** When you study other passages of Scripture, you'll discover that the outstanding sin of Nineveh was violence.

I know when we studied the Nineveh fast last year in January, the Spirit of God led us to repent for a whole week the sins that tied to civil unrest in these United States of America. Violence had plagued the cities and I will tell that I lived near the epicenter of everything and I never will forget when I drove into Washington DC to drop off my laptop at my former office that was a stone throw away from the White House. My usual commute route was detoured at almost every exit, the military had placed barricades on Pennsylvania avenue. **My former office had also been vandalized by rioters and the doors had been smashed down.** I have seen violence with my own eyes, yes indeed even right here in the USA. I always say that *last mile countries are not the only countries that experience civil unrest and riots.*

These can happen anywhere because in each continent only human beings live and work in these offices, there's no other species that works here or rather [*a non-riotous special creation that is incapable of taking to the streets*]. What I know for sure is that, those who can be *considered incapable of street violence are those who are being transformed everyday and being regularly led of the Spirit of the most high God.* So, last mile countries are not the only riotous countries and it should not be the only 'huge news headline item' that should be used to identify specific countries, *any country can experience riots.* So last year, during our week 2 of prayer and fasting, **we all lifted our American passports to heaven and in tears of intercession we repented the sins of violence like Nineveh.**

In the NT, John the Baptist preached a message of repentance too! when certain people came to ask for **baptism as evidence of repentance**, he said, **"I want to see the fruit of repentance in your life.** It's no good telling me you've repented if I can't see the results in the way you act."

[Matthew 3:8...Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.] You see in the case of the Ninevites, God saw how they turned from their evil ways, so He had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction. It is very interesting to see the historic result. **Nineveh was spared for almost 200 years** before it was finally destroyed by the babylonian empire.



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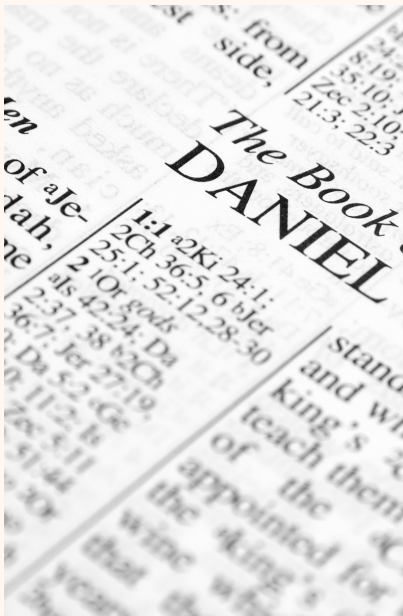
But what about Israel's repentance? Our loving heavenly Father had used prophets like Amos and Hosea, who brought the message of the warning of judgment and the call to repentance. **Israel had the Scriptures, they had the background of Moses and the Law, and they had the prophets.** Many prophets went to the Israelites, but they did not repent! In contrast, **Nineveh had no such background. One prophet went once, and the whole city turned. Isn't that remarkable? It is an interesting consequence that God spared Nineveh and then used the Assyrian Empire, of which Nineveh was the capital, to bring His judgment on Israel...**that right there teaches me that I esther, as a believer I need to always practice regular prayer and fasting in my walk of faith. Not because God is waiting on heaven's balcony to rain judgement on me, no, it's because I live in a body, a body that is vulnerable to sin as a descendant of adam.

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So as I pray and fast this week, I am **taking upon me the sin of my spheres of influence and repenting on behalf of all of us.** I know personally that God is leading me to repent the sins of idolatry, sorcery, magic and witchcraft in America.

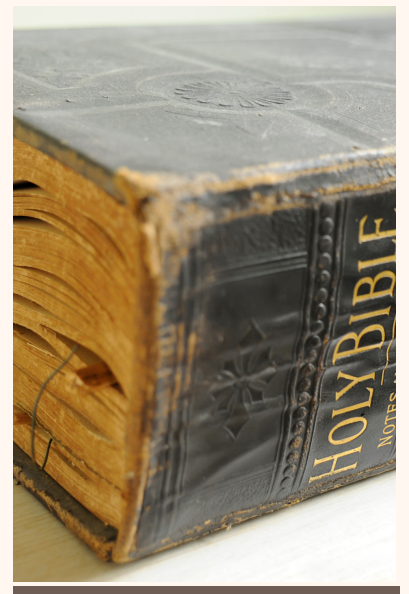
The other day I went to Barnes and Noble to buy a book and am placing a picture [top pic on this page] of the books that I found at the door being advertised for bargain sales. These are books that have become best sellers these days where people are buying a book for just 10 bucks to **teach them incantations, how to identify chakra energy paths on their body cells, using tarot cards to predict the future, palm reading look books.** My bible reading plan always has an old testament chapter that I read every day and most of these are writings from prophets and the theme is always how **God hates idolatry and turning to other gods** and am telling you each time I read what God plans to do to judge that kind of sin I tremble. So as you pray and fast for nations, **stand in the gap with me for America as we overthrow the powers of witchcraft in the realms of power and we release the servants of God to manifest genuine authentic power from the only GOD,** the true God, the God of Israel. No strange fire altars in these palm reader's houses and sometimes they even come to churches unbeknownst to anyone to preach yet they practice that on the side because they don't know its witchcraft. The enemy calls it other things..."energy flow or something fancy"...

Above all lets continue praying and **repenting our own sins because even though we do not loose our salvation when we sin our fellowship with God is affected** but there's a letter of John was written to believers who have already responded to the gospel.



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Genuine Believers Sin & Repent & Never Loose Their Salvation...

A LIFESTYLE OR REGULAR PRAYER & FASTING ENABLES OUR VICTORIOUS TRANSFORMATION

1 John 1:9 - 10 If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.

Nobody is perfect because we all have an area where we are experiencing victorious transformation by being transformed into the image of the pattern Son. And only God knows where we need to be transformed. That's why I always come before God every Wednesday in self humbling prayer and fasting and I just pray the prayer of David, that Ps 139:23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me.

You say to me Esther does that mean that I can respond to the gospel and **do just what I want** because I will not loose my salvation? Nope. There's **another group that does not repent at all** so they don't experience a walk of faith that is being transformed progressively like all of us who are not perfect but we repent. **[1 John 2:19 They went out from us [seeming at first to be Christians], but they were not really of us [because they were not truly born again and spiritually transformed]; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out [teaching false doctrine], so that it would be clearly shown that none of them are of us.]** Amplified version said it clearly so I don't need to exegete further. Also they do not allow the grace of God to bring conviction that teaches and creates daily transformation and growth in the walk of faith as expected here: **Titus 2:11 For the [remarkable, undeserved] grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to reject ungodliness, and to live sensible, upright, and godly lives [with a purpose that reflect spiritual maturity] in this present age.**

I have a little note that I wrote myself a long time ago. It's a quote from Mother Theresa when she was asked why she would go to the streets of Calcutta and wash wounded leprosy feet and dress their wounds. She said, **"If you judge people, you have no TIME to love them"**. So vital to remember during this time of prayer and fasting. We are to stir up **Romans 5:5** love that is already in the heart so we don't need to intercede for love to 'arrive' from heaven so we can love others, if we are genuinely Spirit-filled, the **Love of God has already been shed abroad in our hearts** so lets work it, listen to others, empathize, hear our family and friend's point of view, extend grace and listen to understand full context directly from the people we love and be that shoulder they can lean on or cry with. Everyone has a story that impacts them, everyone has a battle that you do not know about in a world where social media is all smiles and non-existent lifestyle portrayed in cyber world, beneath that smile, everyone is battling and dealing SARS COV 2 and its anxieties, everyone needs Jesus, everyone needs our love, everyone needs to feel fully seen, heard and their perspectives validated directly in person beyond a like or love click online, lets make an effort to be more proximate to keep our relationships healthy without battles in the mind.

With Much Gratitude, I am,

-Esther Gatuma!